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Soviet Artillery Practice at Kaech'ŏn (Kaisen)

1. Between 21 May and 20 June the Soviet Army in North Korea engaged in artillery practice at Kaech'ŏn (Kaisen) (125-58, 39-40). Approximately 1200 Soviet troops participated and 40 artillery pieces of various sizes were used. The officer in charge of these maneuvers was Colonel Koinokopŭ (코인코프) (transliteration of the Russian name from the Korean.) Koinokopŭ was formerly the commander of an artillery unit in Sariwŏn (Shariin) (127-44, 38-30). He was recently promoted to Colonel.

Preparation for Soviet Artillery Practice in Fuxŏn'ŏng (Hokusei)

2. During June, preparations for holding artillery practice were made in the Fuxŏn'ŏng (Hokusei) (128-18, 40-14) area. (Shanghai Note: See paragraph 9). Between 2000 and 3000 artillery troops and many artillery pieces and tanks were assembled in this area.

Korean Communist Troop Maneuvers

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4. more than 8000 Korean troops participated in these maneuvers. All of these troops had had over one year's training in a Peace Preservation Corps Officers School.
5. The troops participating in the maneuvers appeared to be those regularly stationed at the schools plus a small number of staff officers from the various Peace Preservation Corps troops (Po An Tae--보안대 保安隊) and a small number of staff officers from the Railway Constabulary (Ch'ŏito Kyŏnguidae--철도경비대 鐵道警備隊).

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6. Students of universities and middle schools in North Korea were requested to take part in the military maneuvers but, because of the objections of the Education Bureau (Hanguk Puk--Gakumu Kyoku 學務局), they did not participate.
7. The troops were divided into sections, with 30 men in each section. One (Korean) officer was assigned to each section.
8. Most of the sections engaged in infantry exercises. Target practice was held and rifles of the Japanese M-38 type were used. Many of the sections were equipped with machine guns, some of which were of German make.
9. Four hundred soldiers from an artillery unit attached to the General Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps in Nanam (Ranan) (129-41, 41-42) engaged in artillery maneuvers near Pukch'ong (Hokusei). The troops had 18 field artillery pieces of Japanese design which, however, were not fired because of a shortage of ammunition. The officer in charge of the maneuvers at Pukch'ong was General [redacted] who is the Vice-Commander of the General Headquarters of the [redacted]
10. A Soviet major-general attended the maneuvers at Pukch'ong.

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